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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 24th April 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the Food Situation for the week ending 24th April 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report, 243 carts of ragi and 14 carts of paddy came to the bazaar as against 214 carts of ragi and 36 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 73 to Rs. 80 per cart during the week against Rs. 75 to Rs. 82 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers to buy.

The Municipal Depot and the three Test Depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their depots.

The transactions in these depots are being watched by the inspecting staff.

Mysore City.—There is no change in the situation.

Bangalore District.—During the week under report there have been rains throughout the district ranging from 45 cents at Bangalore City to 3 inches and 44 cents in Closepet. Some of the tanks are reported to have received three months supply of water. The standing crops are reported to be in good condition.

The supply of food grains in the market is satisfactory. Ragi was selling at 7 to 9½ seers a rupee and local rice at 3½ to 4½ seers. Burma rice is available at all the Taluk Headquarters and sales have been effected in four Government Depots. Burma rice is also being sold in Co-operative Societies.

Though the prices are still high supplies in the markets are satisfactory.

Mysore District.—No change, except that there have been good rains all over the district and the sowing of jolam has commenced.

In Chamrajnagar and parts of Malvalli Taluks, the rain has been very heavy.

Tumkur District.—There has been a slight fall in the prices of ragi and paddy from

Rs. 76 and 75 per cart-load of 640 seers to Rs. 72 and Rs. 70, respectively. Demand for Burma rice continues as before and there is sufficient stock of it to last for a month more. The *Vaisakhi* paddy is being harvested in parts of the district.

Kolar District.—There is no change in the food situation and the sales of Burma rice in the depots continue to be dull, but it seems to have good deal to do in keeping down prices of local rice and ragi, which are being sold at 4 to 4½ seers and 7 to 8 seers a rupee, respectively.

Hassan District.—Santes were generally well supplied with food grains. Export of paddy and rice from the Santes in the district to Bangalore and other places still continues.

Standing crops, such as *Kar* paddy and sugar-cane are in a good condition.

Prices of food grains still continue to be high, but the price of ragi shows a downward tendency.

Prospects of the season are generally good for the present.

Shimoga District.—No change in the situation.

Kadur District.—The supply of food stuffs in all the markets was fairly sufficient. The price of rice rose a little in the taluks of Chikmagalur and Tarikere and in the sub-taluk of Narasimharajapura, while the same fell by half a seer a rupee in the Kadur Taluk.

There was however some improvement in the price of ragi in the three taluks of Kadur, Tarikere and Mudgere; it being sold half a seer a rupee more than in the previous week.

Chitaldrug District.—There is no change in the situation or in the prices of the staple food grains. The markets are fairly well supplied. The Taluk Depots for the sale of Burma rice at Davangere, Harihar, Holalkere, Hosdurga and Molakalmuru, continue. There is sufficient stock in the depots.

General (By Food Controller).—During the week there was good rain in the Bangalore and Mysore Districts and parts of the Hassan District. The harvesting of *Vaisakhi* paddy in the Tumkur District is going on and in the Mysore District, jola is reported to have been sown.

The supply of food grains in the markets is reported to be adequate, though prices continue to be high. A slight fall of Rs. 3 per cart-load of ragi and paddy in the Tumkur District is reported. Some other districts also report a slight fall in the price of ragi.

The prices of pulses have slightly gone down and the situation with regard to these is expected to be further improved by the large imports which are coming in. Bangalore merchants are reported to have purchased large quantities of rice in Guntur, Hindupur and Bezawada, but owing to the short supply of waggons on the Railways, they have not been able to bring the rice into the State. The grain market in the Bangalore City continues to be dull.

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